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Careful review and examination of the subject application are noted and appreciated.

OBJECTION TO THE ABSTRACT

The objection to the Abstract is respectfully traversed and should be withdrawn. MPEP §608.01(b) is silent regarding an Abstract being "merely a recitation of claim 1" as stated in the Office Action. All of the requirements of MPEP §608.01(b) have been met. Therefore, the objection should be withdrawn.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §112

The rejection of claims 5, 6, 7, 9, 11 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, is traversed, in part, and obviated, in part, by appropriate amendment and should be withdrawn. Applicant's representative is unclear what is incomplete in the claims. However, the specific claims mentioned have been amended. If additional changes are deemed necessary by the Examiner, Applicant's representative requests a telephone conference to resolve the issue.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102

The rejection of claims 1-4, 7-17, 19 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by Malhotra has been obviated by appropriate amendment and should be withdrawn.

The allowable matter of claim 5 has been incorporated into claim 1. Matter similar to the allowable matter of claim 6 has been incorporated into claim 19. Matter similar to the allowable matter of claim 13 has been incorporated into claim 20.

As such, the presently claimed invention is fully patentable over the cited references and the rejection should be withdrawn.

Accordingly, the present application is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action by the Examiner is respectfully solicited.

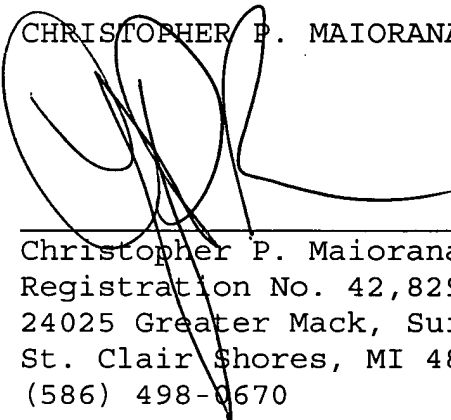
The Examiner is respectfully invited to call the Applicants' representative should it be deemed beneficial to further advance prosecution of the application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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